



THE Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday September 17, 1723.

From the Evening Post, September 12.

Since our last arrived one Mail from France, two from Flanders, and one from Holland.

Brussels, Sept. 13.

THE Directors of our India Company have not been able to engage the Merchants of Amsterdam to buy up for them certain Merchandizes they want for the East Indies: Therefore they have sent Orders to have them bought at Hamburg. The first Payment of the Subscriptions is not completed yet.

Prague, Sept. 5. This Court has received fresh Letters from Constantinople, by which it appears that notwithstanding the Conferences, which by the Mediation of the Ambassador of France have been begun between the Ministers of the Porte and that of Russia. The Turks agree underhand with Meriweys, not only for dislodging the Russians from Derbent and Andreof, their late Conquests, but also for besieging Astracan, and cutting off the Communication of the Russians with the Caspian Sea.

Berlin, Sept. 11. The King of Great Britain is expected at Charlottenberg against the latter End of this Month.

Hamburg, Sept. 14. Letters from Petersburg say, That the Affairs of Meriweys have of late had a very favourable Turn in Persia; insomuch that there is now a probability of great Events on that Side. Here is Advice from Prague, that the Coronation of the Empress was performed there the 8th Instant.

London, Sept. 12. Saturday Night Baron Bothmar received an Express from Hanover, upon which the next Morning he set out from his House near the Cockpit in St. James's Park, and about 11 the same Morning, set sail on board a Sloop from Gravesend for Holland in his Way to Hanover.

From

*From the White-hall Evening Post.**Civit. Glocest. ff.*

The Information of Richard Freestone, a Dragon in the Honourable Brigadier Honeywood's Regiment, now in Camp near the said City of Gloucester, taken upon Oath this 27th Day of August, Anno Dom. 1723, before us some of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said City.

WHO saith, That last Night about 11 of the Clock, as he this Informant was in his Tent in the Camp aforesaid, he heard several Voices singing *The King shall enjoy his own again*, and saying, *Down with the round Heads, down with the Camp, Damn them, Down with them*; upon which this Informant went out, and near the Head of the Camp, he met several Men, and then this Informant enquired of them, whether they were the Men that sung *The King shall enjoy his own again*, and said such Words; upon which a lusty thick Man in gray Cloaths, and who as this Informant hath heard, is one Henry Wilson of the City of Gloucester, answered this Informant, and said, *Damn you I did*, and repeted the Words again, *Down with the Round Heads, down with the Camp, damn them, down with them*; and this Informant further saith, That the said Man in gray Cloths did first assault this Informant, by laying Hands on this Informant in a violent Manner; But this Informant prevented the said Man from striking or doing him any Dammage.

Jur. coram nobis,

Daniel Weshbourn Mayor.
Giles Rodway.
Caple Payne.

Richard Freestone
his Mark.

Information of Thomas Upton, a Dragon in the aforesaid Regiment, taken the Day and Year aforesaid.

WHO saith, That last Night he this Informant was Centry in the Flank of the Regiment; and that about 11 of the Clock, he heard the Voices of several Men, crying out, *Down with the Round Heads, down with the Camp, damn them, down with them*, and singing *The King shall enjoy his own again*; and soon after, a Man unknown to this Informant (and who after this Informant asked who comes there? made no Answer) came by the Centry, and struck at this Informant, and cut his Coat, and scar'd his Hand, and went away before this Informant could stop him.

Jur. ut supra.

Thomas Upton.

The Information of John Creary, a Sergeant in the said Regiment, taken as above.

WHO saith, that last Night betwixt the Hours of 11 and 12, he this Informant being in his Tent, heard the Voices of several People, saying, *Down with the Round Heads, Down with the Camp, Damn them*, and singing *The KING shall enjoy his own again*. Upon which this Informant went out of his Tent towards the Front of the Camp, and in the Ham near thereto, he met Mr. Henry Wilson of the City of Gloucester, and asked him if he belonged to the Company, who took the Liberty of singing *The KING shall enjoy his own again*, and to use such other Words? And Wilson reply'd yes, and said he did belong to such Company, and said *Damn them, I say Down with them again, Down with the Round Heads, Down with the Camp, Damn them, Down with them, If it was in my Power I would fire the Camp*; upon which this Informant seized the said Wilson, and this Informant further saith, that one Mr. Wilcocks an Upholder in the South Gate-street in the said City, struck this Informant two several Times with a Cane or Stick in his Hand.

Jurat ut supra,

John Creary.

The Information of Richard Duce, a Dragoon, taken as above.

WHO saith, that last Night betwixt 11 and 12 of the Clock, he being in his Tent, heard several Voices, saying, *Down with the Round-heads, Down with the Camp, Damn them, Down with them.* Upon which this Informant went out of his Tent toward the Front of the Regiment, and near the Camp he met four Men: And this Informant enquired of them if it was they that used such Words? Whereupon one of them said that it was him, *Down with them again, Damn them, Down with them.* And then this Informant took hold of him that answered so, and kept him till other Dragoons came up to him, but who the said Men were, this Informant knows not, being all Strangers to him.

Jurat ut supra,

Richard Duce,

His Mark.

Information of William Lawson Dragoon, taken as abovesaid.

WHO saith, That last Night he heard several Men near the Camp say, *Down with the Round-heads, Down with the Camp, Damn them, Down with them;* and that when he came up that Way to Sergeant Creary, such Men were in the Ham near the Camp, in the Sergeant's Custody.

Jurat ut supra.

William Lawson

Information of Edward Ruth, a Dragoon, taken as aforesaid.

WHO saith, That last Night he heard several Men near the Camp say, *Down with the Round-heads, Down with the Camp, Damn them, Down with them,* and singing *The King shall enjoy his own again;* And then this Informant went out of his Tent, towards the Front of the Camp, and there found three Men, which this Informant, and other Dragoons; took and brought to the Camp; and there one of them own'd that he did use such Words: And this Informant further sayeth, that the said three Men were delivered to a Constable of the City of Gloucester (whose Name is James Brotherton, as this Informant believes.

Jurat ut supra.

Edw. Ruth;

The Information of James Brotherton, of the City of Gloucester, Cordwainer, taken as above.

WHO saith, That he is a Constable of the City of Gloucester aforesaid, and that betwixt the Hours of 12 and 1 last Night, he was sent for to the King's Head in the said City; and this Informant further saith, That when he came there, the Guard belonging to the Regiment in Camp near this City, had three Persons in Custody, Mr. Henry Willson, and Mr. Thomas Wilcocks Upholder, and an other Man unknown, who, as this Informant hath heard and believes to be Mr. Wilcock's Brother in Law; and that the said Guard delivered the said Willson, Wilcocks, and the other Person, into this Informant's Custody; and that whilst they were in this Informant's Custody, Mr. Willson said, That he struck up the Heels of the first Dragoon that came to him, and then the Dragoons had no Mercy on him.

Jurat ut supra,

James Brotherton.

Information of Joseph Ashton, a Quarter-Master, taken as above.

WHO sayeth, that last Night he, this Informant, was Commander of the Guard, and that about 11 or 12 of the Clock, he heard a Noise not far from the Camp, and crying *Down with the Rump, Down with the Camp, Damn them, Down with them.* Upon which this Informant went out of the Tent, and enquired of the Guard whereabout that Noise was? And being informed it was Men going along the the Road, this Informant went towards the Front of the Camp, and heard the same Words repeated again with a *Huzzza*; upon which this Informant ran with the Guard and found three Men in Custody of some other Dragoons. And this Informant saith, that the Name of one of them is Henry Wilson, and the Name of the others of them, as this Informant hath heard, is Wilcoks, and the other this Informant knoweth not; and this Informant further saith, that after he had brought them to the Guard, this Informant told them, he was sorry that they should use such villanous Expressions at the Front of the Regiment and, Mr. Wilson answered, that they had not, but if they had, what was it to the this Informant?

*Furat ut supra,**Joseph Ashton.*

Saturday in the Afternoon the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor went with the usual Solemnity, to proclaim Southwark Fair, at which Ceremony the Sword Bearer appeared with a Cardinal's Hat upon his Head, which he wears no other Day.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Sept. 12.

Paris, Sept. 10. On the 9th Instant the Duke of Orleans received, with great Goodness, the Petitions of above 100 Women, who had a Property in the Offices lately suppressed, and promised to do them Justice.

The Archbishop of Vienne, and the Prince of Turenne, set out the 16th for Strasburg, where they are to receive the Princess Sobieski, who was conducted thither by her Uncle Prince Constantine.

Lettres de Noblesse, have been lately dispatched for all the Physicians who distinguished themselves by their Zeal and Care towards the Sick, during the late Contagion in Provence, Languedoc and the Gevaudan.

The Duke of Orleans has taken for one of his first Clerks, the Sieur Melon, who had been employed for some small Time under the Cardinal Dubois, and formerly under the Great Sieur Law.

The Bishop of Frejus, formerly Preceptor of the King, was receiv'd last Week into the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres.

The King has bought for his Library, all the Manuscripts upon History that belonged to the late first President and the Abbot de Camps.

London, Sept. 12. Yesterday Sir Simeon Stuart, Bart. arrived in Town from his Seat in Hampshire, with a great Retinue. From whence we hear, That no Outrages had been committed there by the Blacks of late, who some time ago were very numerous in that Neighbourhood.

The Printer of Gaylard's Journal is taken into Custody of a Messenger, for the Paper of last Saturday-was-fennight.

Some few Nights ago all the Windows of Mr. Brown's House, the Warrener at Wimbletoun, were broke in Pieces, and himself put in great Danger of his Life, by some Villains who swore they would have his Blood. The Discharge of their Guns, with which they battered his House, alarmed a neighbouring Family; who, when they offered to stirr, were warned by the Rogues to keep within Doors at their Peril, for they were resolved to shoot the first Person that offered to come out: But the Report of their Pieces being heard with Terror by some Houses at a greater Distance, one of them rung an Alarm Bell, to raise the Country; and then the Villains made their Escape.

We hear, that the general Review of the Troops encamped in Hyde Park will be on Monday next; and that Orders have been sent to cleanse and prepare all the Barracks in the Savoy and Tower before the 30th Instant, at which Time, 'tis said, the Camp will break up.

Sir Thomas Renton, having obtained his Majesty's Leave to return from Hanover, for the Benefit of British Subjects affected with Ruptures, is now at his House near Charing-Cross.

Wye's

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 12.

THEY write from Dublin, That on the 5th Instant his Grace the Duke of Graton, Lord Lieutenant of this Kingdom, went to the House of Peers, and the Commons being sent for, made a Speech to both Houses: The Substance of which is as follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

" I Am fully perswaded, from the Experience of your unshaken Loyalty, that
" I meet you with Hearts full of Joy, for the timely Discovery of a most
" dangerous Conspiracy, lately form'd by inveterate Enemies, in order to sub-
" vert the happy Constitution of this Kingdom. Your Duty to your King, your
" Love to your Country, and your just Detestation of such wicked Contrivan-
" ces, will animate you to convince the World, how sensible you are of the ma-
" ny Blessings you enjoy under a Prince, whose Justice is duly temper'd with
" Mercy, and who makes the Laws, the only Rule of his Government. I am,
" on his Majesty's Part, to assure you, That the Prosperity of this Nation, both
" in Church and State, shall always be his particular Care; and that he has no-
" thing more at Heart, than to make you a happy Protestant People.

His Grace recommended to them, the providing some Laws for the further strengthening the Protestant Interest, particularly, the preventing more effectually the eluding those in being against Popish Priests, who are of late greatly in-creased.

The Advices by this Mail, make no Mention of any Steps yet taken for levy-
ing, as was reported, an Additional Tax on the Papists of that Kingdom.

We have Letters from Barbadoes of the 20th of July last, advising, That his Excellency Henry Worsley Esq. Governour of that Island, had spent 14 Days in hearing the Complaints exhibited by some of the Council and others, touching the Administration of the late President Mr. Cox; and after a long Examination, it appeared he had acted contrary to his Majesty's Instructions; that by his Direction and Management, the Publication of 2 Writs for the Election of Assembly Men in 2 Parishes was obstructed, which, together with his displacing at once all Officers Civil and Military, occasion'd the late great Disorders, Discontents and Jealousies in that Island. It further appeared, that he interpolated the Minutes of Council thereby, misrepresenting the Members, and imposing false Minutes upon the Ministry, That he had been guilty of Corruptions in the Administration of Justice; and in other Instances, had acted arbitrarily and illegally: For which Reasons, his Excellency remov'd Mr. Cox from being a Member of the Council, debarred him from ever being one in that Island; and that he should be prosecuted in the Manner which the Nature of his Crimes require.

By a Holland Mail just arrived we are advised, That the King of Great Britain was to set out from Hanover for Berlin on the 17th Instant, and design'd to return to England the 5th of next Month. There is no News yet of an Accommodation of the Religious Grievances, nor of the Affair relating to the Ostend East India Company.

According to Letters from Constantinople, the Czar's Affairs are much distressed in Persia. The Turks are suspected of having had a Correspondency with Meriweys, who by the Treachery of some of the Georgians, has taken Possession of a great Part of that Country, and is building a Fort not far from Anderof, and design to besiege Astracan, and to cut off the Communication of the Muscovites with the Caspian Sea.

There is no Alteration in the South Sea Stock, and its believed it will rather rise than fall, from the Apprehensions People are under of a considerable Addition to be made to their Stock by the Estates of the late Directors. Mean time to raise from thence the Sum of 2000000 l. is what some People cannot believe, but to this its answered, that their Effects sold much higher; some double, some triple the Value to what they were inserted in the Inventaries.

Mr. Knight late Cashier, we are informed, is now in France, and lives there

in great Splendor. Baron Bothmar set out last Sunday Morning for Hanover, he having received an Express the Night before for that Purpose.

This Day the Bishop of Winchester did Homage to the Lords of the Regency, on account of his late Promotion. Sir William Strickland is dangerous ill by a Fall from his Horse.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

†† These are to advertise all Persons whatsoever, That the Michaelmas Fair of Galla-shiels falling to be upon the Sabbath, for this Year, is to hold upon the Tuesday next thereafter, being the first Day of October next. As also, that whenever the said Fair shall at any Time hereafter happen to fall upon Saturday, Sabbath, or Munday the same is to hold upon the Tuesday next thereafter.

‡ There was stolen lately out of a House in Edinburgh, a Cutlace or Hanger, with a new Hog's-Skin Scabbard, a Hart's Horn Handle, mounted with a Silver Shell, and a Coat of Arms on both Sides, the Keeper and the Back Wand having on them a Man in Arms; the Scabbard has a Silver Crampet and Hack: Any Person who has the said Cutlace, may call at Mr. Adams Printer his House, over against the General Post-Office, where they shall be handsomely rewarded, and no Questions ask'd.

*** That the yearly Mercat called St. Matthew's Fair holds at Path-head the 25th of September Instant, for Linnen and Wollen Cloth, Horse, Nolt, Sheep, and other Merchandize, Customs Free: Where will be Horse and Foot Races for Diversion; and particularly one for a Fore-hammer and a Crown to be run for by Smiths with their Aprons on.

‡‡ The Trustees to whom Colonel James Johnstoun alias Ruthven has disposed his Effects for the Behoof of his Creditors, hereby gives Notice to all the Creditors of the said Colonel James Johnstoun, that they give in the Vouchers and Instructions of their Debts to William Johnstoun Writer in Edinburgh, Clerk to the said Trustees, at Mr. James Baillie Writer to the Signet his Chamber, above the Exchange Coffee House, at least betwixt and the Tenth Day of October next; to the Effect, that Assignations of their several Claims may be drawn in Favours of the Trustees, for carrying on such Diligence against the Estate as shall be thought necessary; and for saving Charges, preventing Competitions, and one Creditor's excluding another.

†† There is a fine Milch Ass lately Colled, to be Sold or Hired, Enquire at Mr. Colin Mackenzie Chirurgion his Shop in the Lawn-market, over-against Libertoun-wynd-head.

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